

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A sieve comprising:

a frame; and

a plurality of identical screen assemblies removably  
mounted in the frame and each having

a generally horizontal screen,

a ~~n~~-annular frame surrounding the screen, connected  
to outer edges of the screen, and projecting  
downward past the screen;

an elongated and longitudinally tensioned element  
having opposite ends anchored in the frame at  
respective opposite edges thereof and extending  
generally horizontally underneath the screen,  
and

a beater on the elongated element between the  
opposite ends thereof and underneath the  
screen, the beater being engageable with a  
lower face of the respective screen for freeing  
particles from openings in the screen.

1                   14. (previously presented) The sieve defined in claim  
2   13 wherein the ends of the element are removably secured in the  
3   frame.

1                   15. (previously presented) The sieve defined in claim 13  
2   wherein the beaters are balls.

1                   16. (previously presented) The sieve defined in claim 13  
2   wherein the element is a cable.

1                   17. (previously presented) The sieve defined in claim 13  
2   wherein the element is a belt.

1                   18. (previously presented) The sieve defined in claim 13  
2   wherein the frame and screen are unitarily formed of plastic.